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\*\* L U N C H E O N \*\*

FEBRUARY 25, 1948 ... 12:30 P. M.

TOWN HALL CLUB, 123 West 43rd Street, New York City

\$2.00 - Tip, Tax Included

SPEAKER ... FRANK OWEN, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE LONDON DAILY MAIL.

SUBJECT ... AMERICA AND ENGLAND --- Two Islands?

Owen, formerly editor-in-chief of the London Evening Standard, is joint author with Michael Foot and Peter Howard of "Guilty Men." While serving with Lord Mountbatten's staff in Burma, he published SEAC, the joint services newspaper.

Frank Owen has won the Peterson Foundation Lectureship established by Town Hall for the purpose of promoting better understanding among the English speaking peoples and to further advance those principles upon which modern English speaking civilization rests.

Lloyd George once said that Owen had a good chance of becoming prime minister of England. HE DOES NOT BELONG TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY AND WIELDS A GREAT DEAL OF POWER IN ENGLAND.

JOHN JAY MC CLOY, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION, BETTER KNOWN AS THE WORLD BANK, WILL BE ONE OF THE SPEAKERS AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET ... MC CLOY WILL HAVE A STARTLING STATEMENT TO MAKE AT OUR DINNER ON MARCH 16, 1948 AT THE HOTEL WALDORF-ASTORIA.

The February meeting of the Board of Governors of the club will take place in the clubrooms at 1475 Broadway, at 8:30 P.M., Wednesday, February 25th.

Margaret Bourke White, photographer of Life magazine, flew back to the States last week-- with some wonderful pictures taken in the Far East and India. She left immediately for an extended lecture tour through the country.

Ruth Lloyd of the United Press sailed this week for Europe. She has been assigned to Prague, Czechoslovakia for UP.

Morrill Cody, formerly of our Mexican contingent (he was press attache of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City) has been transferred to Washington, D. C.

Newton Edgers, press attache of the U.S. Embassy, has been transferred from Hawaii to Tokyo, Japan.

Andrew A. Rooney is co-author with Bud Hutton of a book published by Doubleday called "Conquerors' Peace".

John Hewlett, author of "Cross On The Moon" and "Wild Grape", has delivered the completed manuscript of his new novel, "Harlem Story" to Prentice Hall for publication in the fall. Hewlett is now at work on a fourth novel about a southern family in the period of the Reconstruction to the present. It is tentatively entitled "Devil's Thumb".

Max Jordan of NBC is now on a nation wide lecture tour. He stresses the Marshall plan as the "best insurance we can buy if we want peace in our time." Jordan was given the Signum Fidei Medal at La Salle College, Philadelphia last week for "extraordinary contribution to the advancement of Christian principles."

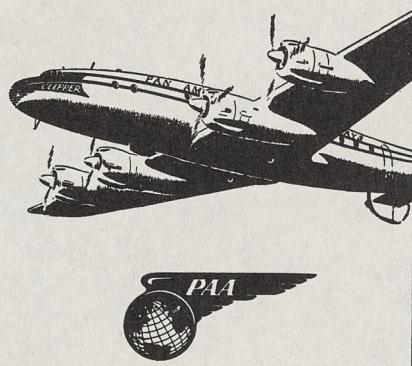
Fred Rosen, director of the Asia Institute, had a letter published in the N. Y. Times recently in which he urged the erection of a statue of Gandhi at the permanent headquarters of the UN. Rosen has been besieged with letters and donations. "As a quiet humble man, I am forced to return these feverish donations. First time in me life I ever returned cash". (direct quote.)

Kay Boyle has written a new book entitled "The Man Without a Country", published by Simon and Schuster. The story tells what happened to a young Austrian expatriate in the French Haute Savoie in war time.

Drew Middleton of the N.Y. Times reviewed the new book "I Saw Poland Betrayed" by Arthur Bliss Lane in the Sunday Times Book review of Feb. 15th and liked it. Another member, Russell Hill, of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, also reviewed the book for the Trib book review section of the same date and was less enthusiastic.

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William F. Brooks, v.p. in charge of news and international relations for NBC, is on a three weeks' tour of the West Coast where he will consult with networknewsmen.

Landrum Bolling of the Overseas News Agency who has been on an extended lecture tour of the U.S., will return to his post in Germany for ONA on March 24th.

Ann Stringer has been broadcasting for CBS over the world news Roundup from Berlin, on the 8:15 A.M. program during the week..... Larry LeSueur of CBS has launched a new program over the network on Sunday evening called "The Newsmakers"..... John Daly heads the news round-up of CBS on Sunday morning at 9 P.M., besides directing the "CBS Is There" program on Sunday afternoon at 2 P.M.

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Cornelius Ryan is now one of the associate editors of "48" magazine edited by Richard Lauterbach. Ryan is co-author with Frank Kelley, national editor of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, of "Star Spangled Mikado".

There will be a meeting of the Dinner Committee in the clubrooms on Tuesday, February 24, at 5:30 P.M. Formal invitations to the dinner have not yet been mailed. John Daly announces that the chairman of the Arrangements Committee will be Adelaide Kerr; Chairman of the Publicity Committee will be Henry Gellerman (of Transradio) and Chairman of the Reception Committee Otto Tolischus of the New York Times.

PLEASE NOTE..... Price for the annual dinner will be \$9.50 for members who can bring one other person at this tariff. Tickets for guests will be \$12.50. Tables will have ten places each.

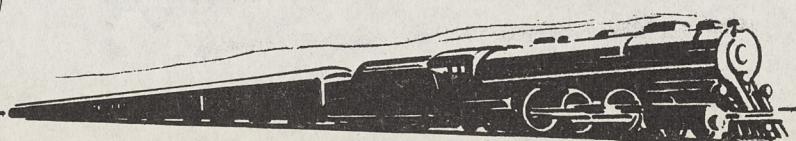
Leonard Harris, one of the editors of Varsity Magazine, has ghost-written the story of Norbert Gagen, the boy who carried the atom bomb to the West Coast from Oakridge. The article will appear in the coming issue of Varsity Magazine.

George H. Lyon, formerly Elmer Davis' representative in Europe, has just returned from several months trip to Europe and South Africa for Pan American Airways. Lyon flew to England on the first sleeper of Pan-American and made news headlines as an American business man who had had insomnia for weeks but slept like a baby on the new service plane. (George directs public relations for the airline. He had the British newsmen laughing over the gag when it was all over.)

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The Library of the club is now receiving Time magazine; Program magazine; Collier's; Billboard; Newsweek; The New York Post; Tide magazine; Omnibook magazine; The Reader's Digest; Afro American News; Editor and Publisher; Worldover Press reports; Prentice Hall reports; U.S. Public Opinion; Fellowship magazine; The Rotarian; The American Agency Bulletin; Cosmopolitan; Ladies Home Journal and the latest editions of the Paris Herald flown to New York. The club is also building up a reference library of books about the working press.

Recent books sent to the club include:

CONTACT BOOK --- issued by Contact Book publishers

YOUR DAILY WISHING WELL; David McKay Co. from Marjorie Young

SOVIET POWER, by Hewlett Johnson, from Jan Munzer

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS AND THEIR CONTROLLERS, by Viscount Camrose, from Alex Faulkner.

DONALD OF CHINA, by Earl Albert Selle, from Harper and Bros.

FALANGE, by Allan Chase, from Jan Munzer

HOW WAR CAME, by Forrest David and Ernest K. Lindley, from Jan Munzer

ARGENTINE DIARY, by Ray Josephs, from Jan Munzer

RESIDENCE IN BERMUDA, Joe Outerbridge of Bermuda Trade Development Corp.

BABY LAMB, by Jean Boley, from E. P. Dutton and Co.

MIDNIGHT LACE, by Mackinley Kantor, from Random House.

SHADOWS ON THE WALL, by Krishna Nehru, from John Day Co.

HOW TO STOP THE RUSSIANS WITHOUT WAR, by Fritz Sternberg, from the John Day Co.

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Frederick K. Abbott, chairman of the Admissions Committee, announces the names of the following:

ACTIVE:

Gwen Jones, free lance for Radio Mirror Magazine and the N.Y. Times Book Review section. Stationed in England for news department of Red Cross from 1943 to 1944 and Office of War Information in London from April 1944 to November 1945.

Charlotte Knight, en route to Far East as correspondent for AIRFORCE MAGAZINE. Correspondent for magazine and AAF at Bikini, May to Aug. 1946; Japan, China, Korea, Philippines, Manchuria until June 1947.

Irvin S. Taubmin, New York Times. Served on staff of Stars and Stripes in London from Sept. 1944 to Sept. 1945.

ASSOCIATE:

Perry Githens, Editor of Popular Science Magazine. War correspondent with Atlantic Fleet From Oct. 1943 to March 1944 and Army and Navy editor, TIME, 1943 to 1944.

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GUEST:

Maurice A. Carrie, France Press News Agency bureau in New York. Served with OWI in PWB in Algiers from 1943 to 1944.

Lauritz Melchior, editor in chief of "Vaginaradei" of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Frank Tao, Chinese News Service Bureau in New York. Served with the China Press in Shanghai 1938-39; special correspondent for the China Weekly Review (Powell's) in Shanghai, 1940-41.

Charles Thamboe, correspondent in New York for Antara News Agency, Jogjakarta, Java, Indonesia.

IS OUR MEMBER FRANK HANDY, EDITOR OF THE YPSILANTI FREE PRESS OF MICHIGAN, TO MARRY MARGARET TRUMAN, DAUGHTER OF THE PRESIDENT???? FRANK, LET US KNOW.

Almost ninety people crowded the clubrooms for the cocktail party in honor of Gwen Dew. A buffet supper had been prepared by Mrs. Richard Tregaskis, who won one of the jackpot books of the evening, "Midnight Lace" by Mackinley Kantor and the other book of the evening was "Baby Lamb" by Jean Boley, who was also present to autograph it for the lucky winner. Al Newman, member of the Board of Governors, presided. Glimpsed around were John Lutek; Arthur Reef, who is off to Europe soon to do a book; Elizabeth Fagg of Time; Elsie McCormick; Ted Ediger of AP; Clyde Brown of Fairchild Publications. The shindig lasted from five to ten P.M. when about twenty members dined a la Chinese with chopsticks at a dinner party given by Judge N. F. Allman, for Gwen Dew, the speaker.

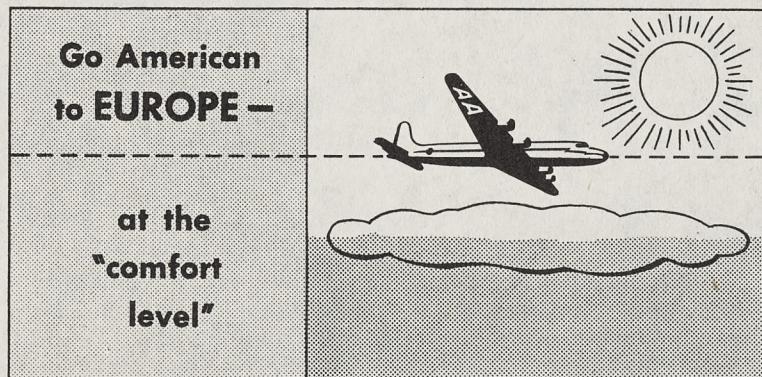
Miss Dew said that democracy as such has not been accomplished by MacArthur in Japan. She said that the correspondents are obliged to say only the good things about the occupation. The correspondents there have chosen to keep away from the Army brass--which has meant a dearth of px supplies. (Editor's Note... This differs in direct ratio with Mike Stern's report of the correspondents in Italy.) There are about 60 correspondents in Japan now -- approximately 25 of whom live at the Tokyo Correspondents Club and another 35 have their families in Japan with them.

There has been a rash of babies among correspondents' families recently which indicates that wives have been in Japan for about a year or so (re letter from Mildred Costello, wife of Bill Vostello of CBS). Also, one of our members, Carl Mydans of Time, has been kept up to date on housekeeping problems in Japan by his wife, Shelley, who has written several articles about this.

Gwen Dew thought it was unfortunate that we used the atom bomb on Japan. She said that we should stay in Japan for twenty years as the Japanese feel that they need us for that length of time in order to learn a little bit about democracy. This correspondent said that our occupation of Japan has been far more successful than that of Germany because it is controlled by one man and thus more coordinated.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor

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